

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Arterburn

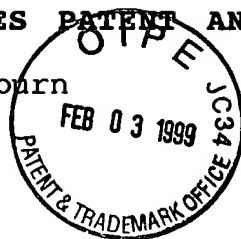
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For: **IMPROVED SCREEN FOR FIBERIZING BUSHINGS**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Rule 1.116 Amendment and Request For Reconsideration

In response to the Office Action of December 15, 1998, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 8, lines 3 and 5, delete the word "open" and insert "hole" instead.

Please cancel claim 24.

Please amend the following claims to read as follows:

2. (Twice amended) In a mounted bushing for making fibers from a molten material from channel positions, said bushing comprising at least one sidewall and a tip plate or orifice plate through which molten material flows to form the fibers, and a screen having a plurality of holes therethrough and mounted on the interior of the bushing and spaced above the top of the tip plate or orifice plate, said screen having holes therein and being attached to said sidewall, the improvement comprises a generally mid or central portion of the screen having a hole area per unit area of screen that is significantly smaller than the hole area per unit area of screen of two end portions of the screen, one end portion being on one [either] side of the mid or central portion and the other end portion being on an opposite side of the mid or central portion, one

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